Romer apologizes for gay talk

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DENVER — Gov. Roy Romer has apologized for discussing homosexuality with a group of fifth- and sixth-graders at Pennington Elementary School in Wheat Ridge.

"I regret that my comments may have made parents and others uncomfortable or angry," Romer said in a statement released by his office.

Romer's office took more than 200 calls Thursday from people complaining about remarks he made a day earlier to 10- and 11-year-olds at the school.

Romer talked to the students about a character in the novel "Corelli's Mandolin" — a homosexual Italian soldier in World War II who sacrifices his life to save his captain.

Romer said he wanted to make a point about courage and sacrifice.

"Upon further reflection, it was a mistake to have given that much description of the character's feelings to these fifth- and sixth-grade students," he said.

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y Bush Community Building in
n Falls. Bring a substantial dish to
r own utensils and drinks. Zoltan
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s are welcome.

cle club plans poker run: The
ngs Touring Club is having its Mo-
r Run on Sunday. Register from 8 to
T.J. Maxx parking lot, Rustic Hills
y and Palmer Park boulevards.
10 per person, which includes cof-
ts and lunch. Free gas coupons will
first 200 to register. Call 578-9821
on.

ers to enjoy dessert night : The
Newcomers Club is sponsoring "Des-
rt" at 7 p.m. Monday at the Outback
706 Commerce Center Drive. All
nvited to attend. Call 593-1311 for

nian collector to speak: Barbara
red collection manager for the Smith-
ite, will discuss archaeological sites
the Pikes Peak Chapter of the Colo-
logical Society. The meeting will be
. Monday in the Community Room of
Springs Police Department, Falcon
0 Goddard St. The meeting is open to
nterested in archaeology.

an Club to meet: The Fountain
lican Club will meet at 7:30 p.m.
e lower level of the Knights of Co-
567 Marquette Drive, Security. U.S.
lates Bill Eggert and Gail Norton are
speak at the meeting. Call 392-8012
on.

s Club plans luncheon: The Colo-
Woman's Club will hold its Spring